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SUBJECT: City Council, Boards and Commission to return to meeting virtually beginning on August 12

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[Duluth, MN] Effective Thursday, August 12, the City of Duluth will revert to virtual meetings for City Council and Boards and Commissions. The City Attorney, Rebecca St. George, and Chief Administrative Officer, Noah Schuchman, sent a determination to the City Clerk's Office today that due to the substantial risk in transmission rates within St. Louis County and Duluth public meetings would again be held virtually pursuant to Minn. Stat. 13D.021.

"In accordance with Minnesota Open Meeting Laws, the City is providing a three-day notice that beginning on August 12, all City of Duluth City Council, and Board and Commission meetings will be held virtually." City Attorney Rebecca St. George said in an email to staff.

"Out of concern for the substantial risk status of community transmission in St. Louis County, I want to keep City Council meetings virtual through the end of August," City Council President Van Nett said. "I just want to make sure people understand that we are watching county health data and will go back in person when it is safe to do so."

Members of the public will again be able to monitor meetings and provide public comment by visiting https://duluthmn.gov/live-meeting.

The City of Duluth had decided to change from virtual to in-person meetings beginning August 1. Several meetings that were scheduled to meet since August 2 did meet in person, but will return to virtual effective August 12.

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